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If a local unit of government (authorities & commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is NOT included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

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General Fund Revenue:	\$ 174,909.00	General Fund Balance: ?	\$ 5,808,429.00							
General Fund Expenditure: ?	\$ 368,156.00	Governmental Activities	£ 4007.572.00							
Major Fund Deficit Amount:	\$ 0.00	Long-Term Debt (see instructions):	\$ 4,097,572.00							

We affirm that we are certified public accountants (CPA) licensed to practice in Michigan. We further affirm the above responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (reported deviations).

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SOUTH COUNTY SEWER AND WATER AUTHORITY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION For the Years Ended March 31, 2008 and 2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners South County Sewer and Water Authority

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of South County Sewer and Water Authority as of and for the years ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the South County Sewer and Water Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of South County Sewer and Water Authority at March 31, 2008 and 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management's discussion and analysis (identified in the table of contents) is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We applied certain limited procedures consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information listed as supplemental information in the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the South County Sewer and Water Authority. The supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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September 5, 2008

Using This Annual Report

This annual report consists of the Statements of Net Assets, the Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, and the Statements of Cash Flows. Along with the footnotes, they provide detailed financial information concerning the Authority. This section, Management's Discussion and Analysis, is intended to provide an overview of the Authority's financial condition, results of operations, and other key information.

Financial Overview

In analyzing the Authority's financial position, it is important to recognize the mission of the Authority. From a financial perspective, the Authority's core objective is to manage the long-term costs of providing sanitary sewer service to the businesses and residents (collectively the Users) of participating Municipalities. The Authority acts as an agent of the participating Municipalities. The quarterly amounts charged to Users approximate the operating costs incurred by the Authority in providing sanitary sewer collection and subsequent treatment at the City of Kalamazoo's regional facility. In addition to the annual operating costs of providing sanitary sewer, the Authority is responsible for the repayment of long-term bonds and other debt obligations incurred to finance construction of the sanitary sewer system. Capital costs are generally charged to the benefiting party, the land owner and/or developer, at the time the infrastructure is constructed.

A significant non-cash expense of the Authority is depreciation. For budgeting purposes and for setting user rates, management does not consider depreciation expense. Depreciation expense represents costs associated with the construction of the sanitary sewer system that are financed by long-term debt obligations and assessments on the benefiting property. Customer principal payments from assessments and Authority principal payments made on long-term financing are not reflected as revenues or expenses of the Authority.

	2008	2007		
Total operating expenses	\$ 368,156	\$	355,678	
Less depreciation and amortization	(198,514)		(198,500)	
Operating expenses, net of depreciation and			· · · · · ·	
amortization	169,642		157,178	
Users (expressed as units)	 594		592	
Annual cost per Unit	\$ 286	\$	266	
Monthly cost per Unit	\$ 24	\$	22	

The Authority's costs of operating are primarily affected by wastewater treatment charges from the City of Kalamazoo and the costs of contracted services and employed personnel. The sanitary sewer system covers a geographic area of approximately 5 square miles with 15 miles of pipeline. It is projected that approximately 50 new users will connect to the sewer system over the next ten years. Some of these users may be other than single family homes and contribute flow greater than single family homes (equivalent units of flow).

The Authority's net assets decreased \$158,000 in 2008 and decreased \$85,000 in 2007. In 2008 there were no major extensions of public sewer. The authority recognized contributed capital of \$41,600 for 2008 and \$97,600 for 2007.

	2008	2007	% Change
Capital assets	\$ 6,470,592	\$ 6,664,709	-2.9
Other assets	3,503,028	3,851,685	-9.1
Total assets	9,973,620	10,516,394	-5.2
Long-term liabilities	3,726,572	4,108,669	-9.3
Other liabilities	438,619	441,163	-0.6
Total liabilities	4,165,191	4,549,832	-8.5
Net assets: Invested in capital assets net of			
related debt	2,349,092	2,158,612	8.8
Restricted assets	3,404,128	3,745,305	-9.1
Unrestricted assets	55,209_	62,645	-11.9
Total net assets	\$ 5,808,429	\$ 5,966,562	-2.7

Restricted net assets represent the total of all assets restricted for the repayment of bond obligations and for future capital improvements. Debt obligations payable exceeded the total restricted net assets of the Authority by approximately \$680,000 and \$730,000 at March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. This shortfall in assets available to repay the debt results from a number of factors: (1) The Users were originally assessed 80% of the estimated construction cost for the sanitary sewer. As is typical, users were charged a lower initial cost per user in anticipation of normal future growth over time. (2) One User comprising 26% of the total assessment was granted a reduction of \$468,030 from the amount the User was originally assessed. (3) The growth rate anticipated at the time of construction was 10 new units (homes) per year; the growth rate average to date equals 7 new units per year. Over time it is anticipated that the expected average growth rate will be met.

The Authority's ability to manage the repayment of bonded debt at a reasonable cost to the Users is a key objective of management. Management semi-annually reviews the growth rate and estimates future cash flows. Management annually recommends adjustments to the debt service charge based on a number of factors such as (i) the amount of new connection fees, (ii) interest rates earned on investments, (iii) and the rate at which assessment and connection fee contracts are prepaid. The ultimate debt service cost to the Users depends on these three factors.

The Authority Board closely monitors the debt requirements and each year makes recommendations to the participating municipalities for adjustments to the debt service fee as needed to maintain long-term surplus cash flow for debt repayment. The participating municipalities have, to date, adjusted debt service fees according to the recommendations.

	2008	2007	% Change		
Operating revenue Operating costs	\$ 174,909 368,156	\$ 170,589 355,678	2.5 3.5		
Net loss from operations	(193,247)	(185,089)	-4.4		
Net non-operating revenue (expense)	(6,486)	2,558	-353.5		
Net loss	\$ (199,733)	\$ (182,531)	-9.4		

Absent depreciation, the Authority had an excess of operating revenues over operating costs of approximately \$5,300 and \$43,400 for 2008 and 2007 respectively. Operating revenues increased by 1% and 10% for 2008 and 2007 respectively.

The increase in operating costs resulted primarily from an increase in treatment charges from the City of Kalamazoo's regional treatment facility. Since July 1, 2007, the City of Kalamazoo has increased its treatment cost by 30%.

Operating revenues for 2008 increased as compared to 2007. There was a slight increase in operating costs in 2007. The change in net non-operating revenues (expenses) is the difference between non-operating expenses vs non-operating revenues. The Authority continued to have a significant negative net interest margin. The negative interest margin amounted to \$24,000 for 2008 and \$33,000 for 2007. The negative interest margin results primarily from comparing interest earned on restricted cash and investments with interest payable on contract debt. Management reviews the cost effectiveness of redeeming or refunding bonds on an annual basis.

As described earlier, the bonds payable exceeded interest bearing assets restricted for payment of bonds by approximately \$680,000 and \$730,000 at March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Also as described previously, the primary sources available to the Authority to reduce this negative margin are connection fees from User growth (new customers) and from debt service fees charged to all Users.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

In fiscal 2008 & 2007, the Authority had no major sewer extensions and issued no new debt.

The Authority did not incur repairs to the sanitary sewer in both 2008 and 2007 that extended the life expectancy of the system or increased the Authority's ability to generate revenues.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Rates

Each year, the Authority monitors its cash flow for operating expenses and makes recommendations to the participating municipalities for rate increases necessary to fund operations and maintenance.

Since July 1, 2007, rate increases from the regional treatment system of 30% plus unanticipated pump repairs to the system in both 2007 and 2006, prompted the Authority to approve a 10% user fee increase, which was implemented on October 1, 2007.

Based on higher operating costs resulting from increases in treatment charges from the City of Kalamazoo's regional treatment facility, the Authority may recommend increases to the rate to the Users mid-2008.

The Authority Board closely monitors the debt requirements and each year makes recommendations to the participating municipalities for adjustments to the debt service fee as needed to maintain long-term surplus cash flow for debt repayment. The participating municipalities have, to date, adjusted debt service fees according to the recommendations.

Contacting the Authority's Management

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors with a general overview of the accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact Rich Pierson, Director, or Cindy Chapman, Assistant Director, South County Sewer & Water Authority, at 269-321-8925.

South County Sewer and Water Authority Statements of Net Assets March 31, 2008 and 2007

		2008		2007
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	70,028	\$	75,008
Contracts receivable from municipalities		205,000		240,000
Other contracts receivable		20,000		20,000
Total Current Assets		295,028		335,008
Other Assets				
Contracts receivable, excluding current portion		1,730,656		1,989,760
Other contracts receivable, excluding current portion		172,140		180,411
Bond issue discount, net of amortization		28,872		31,372
Restricted cash and investments		1,276,332		1,315,134
Total Other Assets		3,208,000		3,516,677
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Property and Equipment				
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,395,345 and \$1,196,831		6 470 502		6,664,709
\$1,393,343 and \$1,190,631		6,470,592		0,004,709
Total Assets	\$	9,973,620	<u>\$1</u>	0,516,394
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$	14,819	\$	12,363
Accrued interest		52,800		57,800
Current portion of contract debt payable		371,000		371,000
Total Current Liabilities		438,619		441,163
Long-Term Liabilities				
Contract debt payable, net of current portion		3,726,572		4,108,669
Total Liabilities		4,165,191		4,549,832
Net Assets Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		2,349,092		2,158,612
Restricted for debt service and other purposes		2,349,092 3,404,128		3,745,305
Unrestricted assets	,	55,209		62,645
Total Net Assets		5,808,429		5,966,562
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	9,973,620	\$1	0,516,394

South County Sewer and Water Authority Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets For the Years Ended March 31, 2008 and 2007

	2008		2007		
Revenues					
Charges for services	\$	174,909	\$	170,589	
Operating Expenses					
Salaries and wages		50,549		44,215	
Fringe benefits		11,363		9,714	
Contracted services		78,668		68,805	
Utilities		12,487		12,346	
Supplies		4,087		3,430	
Maintenance and repairs		12,488		18,668	
Depreciation and amortization		198,514		198,500	
Total Operating Expenses		368,156		355,678	
Operating Loss		(193,247)		(185,089)	
Non-Operating Revenues					
Debt service fees		21,201		30,236	
Miscellaneous, non-operating		-		4,974	
Interest income on investments		58,770		61,111	
Interest income on special assessments		87,830		94,594	
Interest income on connection fee contracts		10,132		9,796	
Total Non-Operating Revenues		177,933		200,711	
Non-Operating Expenses					
Interest expense		180,679		198,153	
Miscellaneous, non-operating		3,740		-	
Total Non-Operating Expenses		184,419		198,153	
Loss Before Contributions		(199,733)		(182,531)	
Capital contributed		41,600		97,600	
Change in Net Assets		(158,133)		(84,931)	
Net assets at beginning of year		5,966,562		6,051,493	
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	5,808,429	\$	5,966,562	

South County Sewer and Water Authority Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended March 31, 2008 and 2007

		2008		2007
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	•		•	.=0.500
Cash received from users	\$	174,909	\$	170,589
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services		(105,273)		(109,385) (53,929)
Cash payments to employees for services Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		(61,913) 7,723		7,275
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	_			
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Other non-operating revenues		17,461		35,211
Proceeds from connection fees		49,871		89,173
Proceeds from contracts with municipalities		294,104		129,568
Principal paid on contract debt		(399,351)		(351,000)
Interest paid on contract debt		(165,925)		(191,335)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(4,397)		
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing		((
Activities		(208,237)		(288,383)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Interest earned on investments and receivables		156,732		165,501
Net proceeds from government obligations				
with maturities greater than 90 days or restricted for				
capital improvements or debt reduction		38,802		143,038
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	_	195,534		308,539
Net Increase (decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(4,980)		27,431
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		75,008		47,577
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$</u>	70,028	<u>\$</u>	75,008
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities: Operating loss Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash	\$	(193,247)	\$	(185,089)
provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Increase (decrease) in:		198,514		198,500
Accounts payable		2,456		(6,136)
Total Changes in Assets and Liabilities Included in	_	2,700		(0,100)
Operating Results		200,970		192,364
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		7,723	\$	7,275

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Authority Formation and Mission

The South County Sewer and Water Authority (the Authority) was established by the Townships of Brady and Pavilion and the Township and Village of Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. The Authority was incorporated in May, 1997, under the provisions of Act 233, Public Acts of 1955, as amended. The Authority is governed by a board composed of representatives of each of the constituent municipalities. The Authority was formed to operate, maintain, administer and manage a sewage collection and disposal system pursuant to Act 185 Public Acts of 1957, as amended, for the benefit of constituent municipalities.

A nineteen-year bond issue totaling \$6,100,000 financed the cost of the sewer collection system and lines. The bonds were issued in December, 1998. The debt will be repaid with proceeds from a twenty-year special assessment roll on benefiting property owners, revenue from new connection fees, and from debt service fees.

Statement on Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of South County Sewer and Water Authority conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The Authority applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principle Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict or contradict Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. The Authority has elected not to follow FASB pronouncements and APB opinions issued after November 30, 1989.

Effective April 1, 2004, the Authority adopted GASB 34, "Basic Financial Statements – and Management Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments". The most significant change required by the adoption of GASB 34 was the reporting of net assets as shown in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets and the addition of the required supplementary information - Management's Discussion and Analysis. The Authority adopted GASB 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Activities", for the fiscal years beginning April 1, 2005. GASB 40 affects the nature of the disclosures related to deposits and investment activities of the Authority.

Scope of Reporting Entity and Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of South County Sewer and Water Authority contain all the funds that are financially interdependent on the Authority's executive or legislative branches. The most significant manifestation in determining the reporting entity is financial interdependence. Other manifestations to be considered include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. Another criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion in a reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships regardless of oversight responsibilities. The Authority does not have any potential component units. Based on these criteria, the Authority is considered a reporting unit and is not considered a component unit of the Townships.

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Basis of Accounting

All activities of the Authority are accounted for in a single proprietary fund. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net assets. Net assets is divided by the following components: invested in capital assets-net of related debt, restricted for debt service and other purposes, and unrestricted.

Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. Activities of the Authority are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred. Operating activities include all revenues and expenses associated with sewer activities. Non-operating revenues and expenses relate primarily to financing and investing activities.

Use of Restricted Assets

Certain deposits and investments are restricted by contract and/or Township ordinance for debt service purposes, capital improvements, significant repairs and replacements and by Authority policy for future contingencies. Costs of capital improvements and significant repairs and replacements are funded first from restricted assets.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets of the Authority are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. Fixed assets are valued at cost. Donated fixed assets are stated at their fair market value on the date donated.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows: Sewer Lines - 40 years, Sewer Equipment - 7 years, and Office Equipment - 5 years.

Capitalized Interest

Interest costs on debt incurred to finance fixed asset additions is capitalized during the construction period. Interest is capitalized at the rate of the associated debt instrument based on the cost incurred on the related construction until such time as the sewer system is ready for service. The interest capitalized is added to the carrying cost of the sewer system.

<u>Estimates</u>

Preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates by management. Estimates are subject to change and, accordingly, actual results may differ from the estimates used in preparation of the accompanying financial statements. These financial statements include estimates primarily as to the depreciable lives and salvage values of fixed assets, and the current portion of contracts receivables.

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased that are not restricted for capital additions or debt retirement are considered to be cash equivalents.

NOTE B - Cash, Deposits and Investments

The State of Michigan allows a political subdivision to authorize its treasurer or other chief financial officer to invest surplus funds belonging to and under the control of the entity into certain instruments described as follows: bonds and other direct obligations of the United States or an agency of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions, or instrumentality of the United States; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a bank or savings and loan which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a credit union which is insured by the National Credit Union. The Authority may invest in commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; in United States government or federal obligation repurchase agreements; in bankers' acceptances of United States banks; in mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan and SEC regulated; or in surplus funds investment pools.

Depositories actively used by the Authority during each of the years were: Kalamazoo County State Bank and Investment Centers of America, Inc. The Authority has not established policies to monitor and evaluate custodial credit risk. At year end, investments totaling approximately \$1,190,000 were held by one counterparty and were subject to custodial credit risk.

Balances at March 31 related to cash and cash equivalents and deposits (including certificates of deposit with greater than 90 day maturities at purchase) are detailed on the statements of net assets as follows:

	 2008	_	2007	
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted assets (See Note D)	\$ 70,028	\$	75,008	
Bank deposits and money market accounts U.S. government and agency securities	 617,047 659,285		219,382 1,0 <u>95,752</u>	
TOTALS	\$ 1,346,360	\$	1,390,142	

NOTE B - Cash, Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Cash, deposits and U.S. government agency securities (including restricted assets) at March 31, as shown by carrying amount and bank balance and classified by categories of credit risk are itemized as follows:

	2008			 2007				
		Carrying Amount		Bank Balance	Carrying Amount		Bank Balance	
Cash and deposits					_			
FDIC insured	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$ 100,000	\$	100,000	
Uninsured and								
uncollateralized		53,553		69,631	58,047		71,115	
Money Market Mutual Funds								
Insured by SPIC		500,000		500,000	136,344		136,344	
Federal Home Loan Bank								
and Federal National								
Mortgage Association								
Bonds		_		-	363,656		363,656	
SPIC insured Uninsured		692,807		682,755	732,095	_	717,834	
TOTALS	\$	1,346,360	\$	1,352,386	\$ 1,390,142	\$	1,388,949	

The Authority invests in Federated Capital Reserves (Fund) money market fund. The Fund invests in commercial paper and notes, variable rate instruments, overnight securities, and bank instruments. Approximately 95% of the funds investments credit quality is in the first tier and approximately 5% are in the second tier. The money market investments and a portion of the U.S. government agency securities are insured by the SPIC, as shown in the schedule above. The SPIC is a private insurer and is not a government insurance agency. The Authority's uninsured cash and deposits are held with Kalamazoo County State Bank.

The Authority's investment in U.S. government agency securities totaled \$692,807 and \$1,095,751 at March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. At March 31, 2008, approximately 26% of the bonds matured within 1 month, approximately 46% of the bonds matured within 2 to 6 months, approximately 16% of the bonds matured within 7 to 12 months, and approximately 12% of the bonds matured between 1 and 5 years.

NOTE C - Contracts Receivable and Other Contracts Receivable

Contracts receivable from municipalities and developers represent legal contracts with municipalities that are payable from special assessment rolls of the municipalities. The rolls will be collected over a twenty-year period, plus interest at 1% over the Authority's cost of funds on the unpaid balance. Individual residents and businesses are legally responsible for payment of the fees. This disperses the credit risk over approximately 590 parcels in the geographic area. The assessments become priority liens on each of the assessed parcels. Additionally, unpaid portions of assessments due become tax liens due and payable in the same manner as property taxes. The amount shown under current assets represents the principal portion of special assessments estimated to be collected in the current year. Payment of the Village of Vicksburg assessment is deferred until 2010 and is accruing interest that is added to principal.

NOTE C - Contracts Receivable and Other Contracts Receivable (Continued)

Contracts receivable at March 31, consists of the following:

	Current Portion			on	Total			
		2008		2007	2008	2007		
Brady Township Pavilion Township Developers Village of Vicksburg	\$	155,000 30,000 20,000 205,000	\$	153,000 60,000 27,000 240,000	\$ 1,291,506 254,633 260,640 128,877 1,935,656	\$ 1,520,375 298,669 287,360 123,356 2,229,760		
Less current portion					(205,000)	(240,000)		
TOTALS					\$ 1,730,656	\$ 1,989,760		

Other contracts receivable (connection fees) consist of customers hooking up to the system who are not part of the special assessments. Contract terms vary and include interest, generally at 5.5%. The Authority sets the interest rate annually based on the local interest rate market. Other contracts receivable are secured by property liens on the related parcels. The amount shown under current assets represents the principal portion of other contracts expected to be collected in the current year.

Other contracts receivable at March 31, consists of the following:

		Current Portion				Total			
	2008		2007		2008			2007	
Connection fees Less current portion	\$	20,000	\$	20,000	\$	192,140 (20,000)	\$	200,411 (20,000)	
TOTALS					\$	172,140	\$	180,411	

NOTE D - Restricted Assets

Deposits and investments at March 31, are restricted for the following purposes:

	2008	2007
Reserved for payment on contract debt issued December 1, 1998	\$ 1,177,012	\$ 1,211,756
Reserved for payment on Sprinkle Road debt issued August 8, 2005	19,320	23,378
Reserved for capital improvements	80,000	80,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS	\$ 1,276,332	\$ 1,315,134

NOTE D - Restricted Assets (Continued)

The board determines the reserve for capital improvements annually. Connection fee receipts, to the extent they are not needed for current debt service requirements, are deemed available for capital improvements. The reserve for capital improvements is also provided to cover the Authorities' exposure related to the self-insurance against risk of loss from damage that may be incurred by users of the sewer system from sewer operations/ backups and construction. See Note I.

NOTE E - Property and Equipment

The property and equipment of the Authority, together with changes therein for the year ended March 31, 2008, are detailed as follows:

	Cost									
		Balances oril 1, 2007	_ Ac	lditions	Dispo	sals		Balances March 31, 2008		
Office equipment Sewer system Sewer equipment Total Property and	\$	9,152 7,849,954 2,434	\$	4,397	\$	 	\$	9,152 7,849,954 6,831		
Equipment	\$	7,861,540	\$	4,397	\$		\$	7,865,937		
	Balances April 1, 2007			cumulated I	I Depreciation Disposals			Balances March 31, 2008		
Office equipment Sewer system Sewer equipment Total Accumulated	\$	5,164 1,189,841 1,826	\$	246 197,815 453	\$	 	\$	5,410 1,387,656 2,279		
Depreciation		1,196,831		198,514				1,395,345		
Net Property and Equipment	\$	6,664,709	\$ (<u>194,117)</u>	\$		\$	6,470,592		

NOTE F - Changes in Long-term Debt

The following is a summary of debt transactions of the Authority for the years ended March 31, 2008 and 2007:

Kalamazoo

Sewer Contract Debt

\$ 421,318 9,351 (1,000) 429,669 17,254 (49,351) \$ 397,572	\$ 4,821,318 9,351 (351,000) 4,479,669 17,254 (399,351)
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(49,351)	
	(399,351)
\$ 397 572	
	\$ 4,097,572
ving issues:	
2008 \$ 3,700,000 213,800	\$ 4,050,000 214,800
183,772 4,097,572 (371,000) 3,726,572	214,869 4,479,669 (371,000) \$ 4,108,669
	2008 3,700,000 213,800 183,772 4,097,572 (371,000)

NOTE F - Changes in Long-term Debt (Continued)

The minimum annual debt service requirements, including interest, for long-term debt outstanding as of March 31, 2008 are as follows:

Prin	cipal	Interest		Totals		
s :	371 000 5	\$ 169.499	\$	540,499		
	•			524,753		
				544,895		
	•			550,919		
4	131,000	101,104	ļ	532,104		
2,0	78,772	227,531		2,306,303		
	8,000	480)	8,480		
\$ 4,0	97,572	\$ 910,381	\$	5,007,953		
	\$ 32 2 2,0	371,000 406,800 431,000 431,000 2,078,772	\$ 371,000 \$ 169,499 371,000 153,753 406,800 138,095 431,000 119,919 431,000 101,104 2,078,772 227,531 8,000 480	\$ 371,000 \$ 169,499 \$ 371,000 153,753 406,800 138,095 431,000 119,919 431,000 101,104 2,078,772 227,531 8,000 480		

The Pavilion Township Sewer Fund debt of \$183,772 is payable from a contracts with Pavilion, supported by a special assessment of Pavilion, and new connections to the Sprinkle Road extension. The expected future maturities of this debt have been reported based on the expected payments of the related special assessment without considering future connections. Should the proceeds from the special assessments in a given year be less than the required interest payment, accrued and unpaid interest is added to the note annually.

For the years ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, the Authority paid interest costs of \$165,925 and \$191,335, respectively. The Authority did not capitalize any interest charges during the years ended March 31, 2008 and 2007.

NOTE G - Retirement Plan

The Authority maintains a Simple IRA Plan, which allows employees to contribute annually up to the maximum amount allowed per the Internal Revenue Code. The Authority is required to make a contribution to the plan annually, as defined in the plan document. Contributions to the plan totaled \$2,506 and \$1,376 for the years ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

NOTE H - Non-cash Activities

For the year ended March 31, the Authority had the following non-cash activity:

	 2008	2007		
Connection fee contracts added	\$ 41,600	\$	97,600	
Accrued and unpaid interest added to the principal balance of notes payable	\$ 17,254	\$	9,351	

NOTE I - Insurable Risk

The Authority, in the normal operation of its activities, has exposure for damage to residential and commercial property and personal injury resulting from the operation or construction of its sewer system. The Authority Board has elected to self-insure against this risk. The Authority Board believes that funds accumulated and restricted for significant replacements, as disclosed in Note D, are adequate to cover the associated risk.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

South County Sewer and Water Authority Schedule of Operating Expenses Compared to Budget For the Years Ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 (Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended March 31, 2007)

		2008	Variance -	
			Favorable	2007
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
Salaries and wages	\$ 44,000	\$ 50,549	\$ (6,549)	\$ 44,215
Exingo honofito:				
Fringe benefits:				
Social security	3,520	3,867	(347)	3,625
Insurance	5,095	4,990	105	4,713
Retirement	3,976	2,506	1,470	1,376
0	12,591	11,363	1,228	9,714
Contracted services:				
Insurance/workman's	7.000	5 705	4.005	2.044
compensation	7,000	5,765	1,235	6,214
Contracted services	24,000	21,165	2,835	20,553
Treatment charges	37,000	38,384	(1,384)	31,804
Engineering	2,000	893	1,107	1,882
Publications/ printing	210	-	210	216
Audit	4,500	4,500	-	4,200
Legal	1,250	573	677	628
Mileage/travel/entertainment	850	665	185	312
Miss Dig fees	400	392	8	386
Rent	2,400	2,400	-	2,200
Bank fees	100	20	80	40
Alarm system	600	3,752	(3,152)	331
Education and subscriptions	500	159	341	39
	80,810	78,668	2,142	68,805
Utilities:				
Electric and gas	10,400	10,937	(537)	10,832
Telephone	1,600	1,550	50	1,514
	12,000	12,487	(487)	12,346
Supplies:		·	, ,	•
Postage	1,500	1,402	98	1,329
Office	2,400	2,685	(285)	2,101
	3,900	4,087	(187)	3,430
Maintenance and repairs:	5,055	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	(101)	2,122
General maintenance	2,000	1,081	919	2,004
Repairs and maintenance	2,000	1,001	010	2,004
reimbursement	11,568	11,407	161	16,664
	13,568	12,488	1,080	18,668
Totals, Excluding Depreciation	\$ 166,869	\$ 169,642	\$ (2,773)	\$ 157,178
		00,042	(2,110)	+ 137,170

South County Sewer and Water Authority Schedule of Principal and Interest Payments \$6,100,000 Kalamazoo County General Obligation Bonds Dated December 1, 1998 For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

Years Ending		Principal	 Inte	rest			
March 31,	Rate	June 1	June 1	De	ecember 1	_	Totals
2009	4.30	\$ 350,000	\$ 79,200	\$	71,675	\$	500,875
2010	4.15	350,000	71,675		64,412		486,087
2011	4.25	350,000	64,412		56,975		471,387
2012	4.30	375,000	56,975		48,913		480,888
2013	4.30	375,000	48,912		40,850		464,762
2014	4.30	375,000	40,850		32,788		448,638
2015	4.30	375,000	32,788		24,725		432,513
2016	4.30	375,000	24,725		16,662		416,387
2017	4.30	375,000	16,663		8,600		400,263
2018	4.30	 400,000	8,600			_	408,600
Totals		\$ 3,700,000	\$ 444,800	\$	365,600	\$	4,510,400

South County Sewer and Water Authority Schedule of Principal and Interest Payments Pavilion Township Installment Purchase Agreement Dated August 8, 2005 For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

Years							
Ending		1	Principal	Interest			
March 31,	Rate		March 31	 March 31	Totals		
2009	4.80	\$	1,000	\$ 10,262	\$	11,262	
2010	4.80		1,000	10,214		11,214	
2011	4.80		36,800	10,166		46,966	
2012	4.80		36,000	8,400		44,400	
2013	4.80		36,000	6,672		42,672	
2014	4.80		37,000	4,944		41,944	
2015	4.80		37,000	3,168		40,168	
2016	4.80		7,000	1,392		8,392	
2017	4.80		7,000	1,056		8,056	
2018	4.80		7,000	720		7,720	
2019	4.80		6,000	384		6,384	
2020	4.80		2,000	96		2,096	
Totals		\$	213,800	\$ 57,474	\$	271,274	

South County Sewer and Water Authority Schedule of Principal and Interest Payments Pavilion Township Sewer Fund Loan Dated September 14, 2005 For the Year Ended March 31, 2008

Years Ending March 31,	Rate	Principal* March 31		Interest March 31		Totals
2009	4.30	\$	20,000	\$	8,362	\$ 28,362
2010	4.30		20,000		7,452	27,452
2011	4.30		20,000		6,542	26,542
2012	4.30		20,000		5,632	25,632
2013	4.30		20,000		4,670	24,670
2014	4.30		20,000		3,770	23,770
2015	4.30		20,000		2,870	22,870
2016	4.30		20,000		1,970	21,970
2017	4.30		20,000		1,070	21,070
2018	4.30		3,772		167	3,939
Totals		\$	183,772	\$	42,505	\$ 226,277

^{*} Interest is payable annually. Principal is payable as payments are made on a special assessment to the Sprinkle Road Sewer and as new connections (not part of the special assessment district) are made to the Sprinkle Road Sewer Extension.



To the Board of Commissioners and General Manager of South County Sewer & Water Authority

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements South County Sewer & Water Authority for the year ended March 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered South County Sewer & Water Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the following deficiencies to be significant deficiencies in internal control

Separation of duties

Due to the small size of the Authority's office staff (two personnel), separation of duties is limited. The Office Manager has access to assets, recording transactions and reconciliation functions. The Director initiates and authorizes all significant transactions. The Authority is not able to obtain bonding to the extent of investment balances. As a result, the risk of loss, error, or irregularities of assets increases. We recommend that the Authority Commissioners review key financial reports and reconciliations periodically for unusual matters. In addition, fidelity bonds should be maintained in amounts adequate to cover all personnel with access to accounting records and assets of the Authority. This comment was made in the prior year.

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Collateralizing bank balances in excess of \$100,000

The Authority's cash accounts exceeded FDIC insurance by approximately \$70,000 at March 31, 2008. Additionally, at March 31, 2008, the Authority maintains investments in money market accounts (approximately \$534,000) and government backed bonds (approximately \$660,000). The investments are not governmentally insured but are privately insured for up to \$500,000. We recommend that the Authority monitor the financial condition of the bank, investments, and the investment company and consider moving investments to several institutions so that Authority assets are FDIC insured. This comment was made in the prior year.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners and Management of South County Sewer & Water Authority, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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September 5, 2008



September 5, 2008

To the Board of Commissioners and Director of South County Sewer & Water Authority

We have audited the financial statements (a single enterprise fund) of South County Sewer & Water Authority for the year ended March 31, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated September 5, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated February 16, 2008, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on February 16, 2008.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by South County Sewer & Water Authority are described in Note A to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate(s) affecting the financial statements were:

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Management's estimate of the depreciation based on the economic useful lives of the assets, the current portions of assessments and contracts receivable based on contractual terms and past history, and the collections of assessments and user bills receivable based on past history, status of current accounts, and applicable lien laws. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. Some of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Management prepares the financial statements primarily on the cash basis. The material adjustments made by management were to reflect accrual entries and to report the financial statements in the format required by Government Accounting Standards.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 5, 2008.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's

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auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Commissioners, Director, and management of South County Sewer & Water Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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